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CONGRESSMAN ROBERTS has received a government warrant for \$416.66 on account of his first month's salary. He will continue to receive similar payments for the next two years.

SUNDAY'S dispatches report bloodshed in the miners strike at Custer, Alaska. This must be the kind of settlement of labor troubles advocated by Editor King of the Utah County Republican.

THE Salt Lake Tribune reports that there is talk of the formation among wheelmen of a Utah circuit to take in Provo, Lehi, Ogden and Logan. We hope local wheelmen will take hold of the matter.

THE sentiment of public men seems to be in favor of making Dewey Day a national holiday. If we are to increase the number of our holidays none better can be selected than the anniversary of Manifest Day.

ANOTHER resignation in the city council is scheduled to take place shortly, that of President John E. Booth, who will have to leave the city administration when he succeeds to the district judgeship.

THE dispatches report a terrible mistake in surgery at Montreal, where a child's eye was excised by the surgeon, leaving the child totally blind. It is hard to say what punishment would commensurate with such criminal carelessness.

PROF. MOORE of the United States fish commission reports that oysters cannot grow in Great Salt Lake, the percentage of salt is too high. Lovers of the succulent bivalve must continue to eat the imported article.

MANTI is having an epidemic of scarlet fever and strict quarantine is being maintained, all schools and churches closed and public meetings of all kinds prohibited. Now is the time of year to clean up and improve sanitary conditions for the prevention of such outbreaks in this and other places.

RETURNING Klondikers don't seem to be "stuck on" the frozen north. There is no doubt but that no place in the world offers better advantages for mining investment than we have right here at home. It is foolish to go on a "wild goose" chase for what lies at our very doors awaiting development to produce the precious metals.

DR. LEEFF has come back from his campaigning tour in the east directed against Congressman Roberts particularly and the people of Utah generally. His horrible presentation of the case has doubtless wrung the pockets of the pulchre eastern Methodists and the Rev. Dr. comes back with ample funds to continue his "missionary" work in Utah.

THOS. KRAHNS, formerly of Park City, is mentioned as a possibility for the appointment as United States Senator. He would certainly be our preference over all who have been named, but we don't believe he is a good enough Republican to stand a chance. In any case there is plenty of time for speculation as the governor will certainly not appoint for several months yet, if ever.

WILL C. HIGGINS and H. B. Cole have launched the Mining Review in Salt Lake City. The first two issues are full of interesting matter, present a fine typographical appearance and make a good show of patronage. Salt Lake City, as the natural mining center of Utah, has long needed and should give liberal support to an exclusive mining paper. With Messrs. Higgins and Cole at the helm the new Mining Review will undoubtedly deserve that support and adequately represent the mining interests. The Review is now issued semi-monthly, but if patronage justifies will doubtless soon be made a weekly. We wish it all success.

WHY THIS THUSNESS?

The only Republican newspaper standing in Utah, the Salt Lake Tribune and Ogden Standard, which were silver Republicans in 1896 and supported Bryan, both seem to have succumbed to the power of the gold standard and are busy finding excuses for endorsing both the McPherson administration. The Tribune says:

"Our judgment is that it is useless to make another stand for silver in the country until conditions change."

The Standard endorses this sentiment and then crows over the Tribune because the massive brain of the Standard editor was able to arrive at this conclusion a year or so ago. In the light of present conditions isn't the stand of both these papers rather inconsistent? At least their opinion is not shared by those in a position to know best, whether straight or silver Republicans. Senator Chandler, a gold Republican, is very much exercised for fear the Democrats will adopt a straight silver plank in 1901 and win, and he is very decided in his opinion that in order to stave off this result the Republicans must try another dodge like the international brigades alibi humbug. On the other side, Senator Teller and ex-Senator Dulles, two of the best informed silver Republicans in the country, both assert that the chances were never so good for winning in 1900 on a 16 to 1 payoff. If the Tribune and Standard desire, as they evidently do to desert the silver cause and come out straight as administration organs, why don't they do so honestly without this talk about the silver fight being useless?

THE HAYES CASE.

Perhaps we may be pardoned for again referring to this celebrated case. Our sole reason for doing so is the manner in which our former state went was received by the majority of the press and a very small percentage of the people who know anything about the case. The application of Harry Hayes for pardon for the Pelican Point murders comes up before the State board of pardons next Saturday, May 6th. In this connection we may say that the people of Utah county, who are most interested, are entitled to protection from this board and that the people of Utah county, who are most cognizant of the facts of the Pelican Point murders, do not favor the pardon of Hayes. Why? Because Hayes was convicted on the strongest possible evidence to be a desperate murderer, and nothing has since been presented to prove his innocence. We believe the people are entitled to this protection and should receive it. Now a few words in regard to the aspect of some of the State papers upon this question. Most of them seem to follow the Salt Lake Herald and Tribune, like a pack of hounds after a leader, and yet neither paper has deduced a logical conclusion justifying Hayes' release; it is only bald supposition, based on affidavits implicating Wright. We may say that we expected before the affidavits in regard to Wright were made public, that they would exonerate Hayes. They fail to do so. The most they can honestly be said to do, is to implicate Wright. Some of the press comments of the State have been amusing. One charges that THE UTAH COUNTY DEMOCRAT opposes the pardon of Hayes because we desire to vindicate Democratic officials. Why, bless your soul, brother, the present officials of Utah county are Democratic the same as the former. We certainly do not want to "vindicate" one and disparage the other, or vice versa. The fact is, all we demand is justice to Hayes, and to the people, and to the law. Another paper, we won't name it, gets supremely ridiculous. It says that the present evidence against Wright is as strong as the former evidence against Hayes, consequently Hayes must be innocent and should be released. What rat! Some people lay great stress on the Peterson affidavit now in the hands of the board of pardons and condemn in round terms ex-Sheriff Brown of Utah county on the strength of that alleged \$500 offer for evidence to convict Hayes. Now, we don't believe that Peterson affidavit is true. Do you? Sheriff Storrs says he believes it is a lie and that Peterson can be convicted of perjury. What do you think of that, you that are howling about our defense of "former Democratic officials"? We believe that Sheriff Storrs is doing all that mortal man, directed by a clear brain and honest convictions, can do to clear up the Pelican Point murder mystery. That he will succeed, we believe. That he has yet succeeded, we do not believe. We have no personal interest in this matter except as a citizen of Utah county and of the commonwealth of Utah, and we desire that only justice be done. The local Tribune correspondent recently infers that we arrogate too much to ourselves in this case and have no right to dictate to the board of pardons. Perhaps the board of pardons knows more than we do perhaps they are cool headed and slow to decision, we hope so, but at least as a citizen we have the right to demand of the board of pardons protection from convicted criminals and we do demand it in the name of the people of this county. Sentiment may be all right;

it is a terrible thing to incarcerate a human being for life when he is innocent. But Hayes was proven guilty "beyond the peradventure of a doubt," and until he is proven innocent should remain behind the bars. He had a fair and honest trial and his judge was honest and inclined to be merciful, yet he was proven guilty, and we believe was guilty. The fact still remains that neither judge, jury, prosecutor or arresting officer have signed his petition for release. Why? Because they still believe him guilty. S. R. Thurman led the prosecution in the Hayes case, not from personal prejudice, but as a public duty. He today as firmly believes Hayes guilty as on the day the jury returned their verdict. Yet he has probably examined the evidence more carefully than any other man in Utah, and with at least as dispassionate a mind. It is true that the affidavits now before the board implicate Wright, but in no respect do they exonerate Hayes. The theory of the prosecution at the trial was that Hayes had an accomplice, and the strongest efforts of the State were directed toward the discovery of that accomplice. That it was Wright is most probable and probable, but if so, Hayes is as guilty as though he acted alone. Impulse should not govern such matters. It will not do to "fly off on a tangent;" the evidence against Hayes is almost absolute even with Wright. Let Wright be found and the case reopened and fully analyzed, but in the meantime let Hayes be kept where he belongs, behind the bars as a criminal convicted of the highest possible crime against humanity and the commonwealth.

OUR learned postmaster says in the Desert News that the cause of the organization of trusts is the "hard times," and yet more trusts have been organized since this "reign of prosperity," of which the Enquirer talks, than ever before. There must be something wrong with the combination. Brother Graham also quotes the anti-trust law which he says is adequate to handle the matter, this notwithstanding the fact that there has not been a single prosecution attempted under this law since McKinley was in office. There must be something wrong with this combination also.

AS EXPECTED the beef investigating committee has whitewashed the government agents and the millionaire beef packers. They say the meat was good, but that the men ate too much of it. As this is the first time on record when soldiers in the field had too much to eat, the commission is to be congratulated on its perspicacity and deep research. We are however sorry for the poor pampered soldiers. What a farce the whole thing was, but how in keeping with everything else in connection with this administration.

THE last issue of the Wasatch Wave "rounds up" that class of newspapers which assisted in the defeat of the late newspaper bill. Might as well let them alone, Brother Burs, they are unworthy of notice. As for ourselves, we are satisfied that the bill was a just one for both papers and the public, and so satisfied with the labors of the association's committee and our legislative friends in its behalf. All we can do now is to watch, work and wait. There's another legislature coming.

POOR JOHN BECK! the original locator and sole owner of the great Bullion-Beck mine in Tintic, which has paid over \$2,000,000, besides other valuable producing mines, rich ranches and elegant and costly buildings in different parts of the State, and now declared a hopeless bankrupt with liabilities so great as to be almost beyond estimate. It is a great fall, and due largely to false friends and too confident a disposition. It is a lesson to contemplate.

THAT was a terrible tragedy near Brigham City Sunday. Ogden loses a valiant and respected police officer; yet through it all we see foolishness unjustifiable under the circumstances. The officer killed was acting bravely, but at the same time beyond his jurisdiction and without warrant. It is a reminder of the old proverb, "Discretion is the better part of valor."

AT the city council meeting Monday evening D. R. Beebe was elected councilman to succeed Brig Johnson, resigned. Mr. Beebe is one of our well known and competent business men and will undoubtedly make an able and acceptable member.

SECRETARY ALGER wants to be a United States Senator. As war records seem to be the fashionable qualification we suppose Alger will base his claims on his own military career, particularly in the last war.

IT SEEMS to be a certainty that Governor Wells will appoint "General" John E. Booth as judge of the Fourth District court to succeed Judge Dusenberry. Well, we can stand it if the governor can.

N. O. LAHSEN, who for some time has ably filled the position of correspondent for the Salt Lake Tribune and Desert News, has quit newspaper

life and gone into mercantile business at Springville. We wish him success in his new venture.

THE deal with Spain has been finally closed. Spain has received her \$20,000,000, and the United States has on its hands the Philippines and a war bigger than any Spanish war. We could have bought a fight at less cost.

THEY had a "Cash" wedding in Salt Lake Monday. That kind of weddings has heretofore been popular principally in the east. Salt Lake is getting into line.

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